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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1059

Introduced by Assembly Member Oropeza
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Alquist and Correa)
(Coauthor: Senator Vincent)

February 23, 2001

An act to add Section 69432.6 to the Education Code, relating to student financial aid.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1059, as amended, Oropeza. Student financial aid: Student Aid Commission: ~~high-school~~ grade point average *verification forms*.

Existing law requires that a grade point average be submitted for all Cal Grant A and B applicants, except for those permitted to provide test scores in lieu of a grade point average.

This bill would require ~~that each public or private high school report to the Student Aid Commission the high-school grade point average, as defined, of each senior enrolled at the school who, in the determination of the school administration, is potentially eligible for a Cal Grant award and for whom the school has a personal identifier that is acceptable to the commission, on or before March 1 of the year the pupil graduates and the year after the pupil graduates to provide a sufficient number of grade point average verification forms, free of charge, to all high schools and community colleges in the state. The bill would also~~

require the commission to annually notify all high schools and community colleges in the state of prescribed deadlines for submitting these forms.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

~~SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the~~
SECTION 1. Section 69432.6 is added to the Education Code,
to read:

69432.6. (a) The commission shall provide a sufficient
number of grade point average verification forms, free of charge,
to all high schools and community colleges in the state.

(b) Each year, during or before the third week in January, and
the first week in August, the commission shall notify all high
schools and community colleges in the state of the deadline for
submitting grade point average verification forms for all students
who request the verification of their grade point averages.
following:

~~(1) Recent changes in the Cal Grant Program provide for an~~
~~entitlement to financial aid for all graduating high school seniors~~
~~who meet certain academic and income limits.~~

~~(2) Under the program, an applicant with a 2.0 or higher grade~~
~~point average may qualify for financial aid ranging from one~~
~~thousand five hundred fifty one dollars (\$1,551) annually for~~
~~living costs and expenses, to nine thousand seven hundred eight~~
~~dollars (\$9,708) annually for the cost of tuition at an independent~~
~~college or university.~~

~~(3) Bureaucratic hurdles, however, have prevented some~~
~~applicants from receiving the financial aid they deserve. For~~
~~example, in the 2000–01 award process, over 30,000 high school~~
~~graduate applications were submitted without an associated grade~~
~~point average being sent to the Student Aid Commission.~~

~~(b) It is, therefore, the intent of the Legislature that submission~~
~~of grade point average information for all potential Cal Grant~~
~~applicants should be of the highest priority for all California high~~
~~schools and that no bureaucratic hurdle should be placed before an~~
~~applicant who seeks financial aid toward his or her continued~~
~~education.~~

1 ~~SEC. 2. Section 69432.6 is added to the Education Code, to~~
2 ~~read:~~

3 ~~69432.6. On or before March 1 of the year of graduation, and~~
4 ~~on or before March 1 of the year after graduation, each public or~~
5 ~~private high school shall report to the commission the high school~~
6 ~~grade point average, as defined in subdivision (h) of Section~~
7 ~~69432.7 and in any implementing regulations, of each senior~~
8 ~~enrolled at the school who, in the determination of the school~~
9 ~~administration, is potentially eligible for a Cal Grant award and for~~
10 ~~whom the school has a personal identifier that is acceptable to the~~
11 ~~commission.~~

